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REMARKS _____

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1. On 6 November 1953, the Train Kaserne, Leipzig, was occupied by about 600 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. Between 4 and 11 November, source did not observe any training activity. [REDACTED] 25X1C

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2. On 6 November, the Treitschke Kaserne (8249) was occupied by about 400 to 450 troops. A sentry wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training other than physical training was observed in the barracks area. [REDACTED] 25X1C

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3. On 6 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne (8253) was occupied by about 600 troops wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Only little activity was observed in the barracks area. Neither training nor vehicular traffic was observed. 25X1C

4. Between 4 and 6 November, the north section of the post hospital was being re-occupied by about 800 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Source did not observe any training or other activities in the barracks area. [REDACTED] 25X1C

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5. On 6 November, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoonau was occupied by about 800 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, and patrols wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Almost no training was observed in the barracks area. Sixteen troops were constructing field fortifications in the training area south of the installation and a T-34/85 tank practiced driving in the training area north of the installation. Numerous officers were daily seen in restaurants and streets in the morning and afternoon. Officers observed wore artillery insignia and, a few, tank insignia. Little vehicular traffic was observed. [REDACTED] 25X1C

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6. On 6 November, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied about 50 percent by about 600 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets and, a few, tank insignia. No training was observed in the installation.

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and the doors of the sheds were closed. No vehicles were observed, except for a T-34/85 tank which practiced driving in the training area southeast of the installation. [REDACTED]

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7. On 6 November, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau, was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, motor transport and tank insignia. Between 26 October and 6 November, an undetermined number of troops were repeatedly seen engaged in drill and physical training in the barracks area and, on 30 October, about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced aiming on the Kirschberg (hill). On several days, source observed 1 to 2 rocket launchers in the barracks area. [REDACTED]

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8. On 29 October, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied as previously by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport and tank insignia. Ten T-34 tanks, 3 to 5 JSU-122 guns, 5 BA-64 armored scout cars and 25 armored personnel carriers were seen in the barracks area. Between 17 and 29 October, source repeatedly observed troops engaged in driving practice with motorcycles and trucks, and tank troopers, who practiced driving and received advanced combat training with T-34 tanks. [REDACTED]

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9. On 17 October, 3 factory-new T-34 tanks, boxes with bogie wheels and 2 carloads of timber were unloaded at the Taucha railroad station. [REDACTED]

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10. On 10 November, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 300 troops with artillery insignia. All was quiet in the barracks area between 2 and 10 November. On 3 November, truck [REDACTED] occupied by about 25 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation toward the firing range near the Bienitz wood patch and returned to the installation at about 4:30 p.m.³

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. For location of the installations in the Leipzig-Gohlis area, northwest of the Leipzig main railroad station, see attached overlay. The barracks installations mentioned are referred to in these reports with the designations indicated in the overlay. Some of these designations do not check with those indicated in the US Installations List. The barracks installations mentioned in the present report are carried occupied as follows:
the Train Kaserne by rear services and repair shop units of the GOFG;
the Treitschke Kaserne by an MVD unit; and
the Hindenburg Kaserne by an air force unit, [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Same source, in June 1953, reported the same occupation in the installation mentioned. The unit in the hospital presumably was a motor transport or medical unit, which had been at a training ground during the summer months. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The Flak Kaserne in Schoenau is carried occupied by a medium AAA regiment of the 13th AAA Div, the 94th Gds RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and the 19th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. The occupation strength given by the three sources does not correspond with the total strength of these three regiments. As, however, the troops are fairly definitely believed to have returned from the troop training grounds, the sources

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were probably confused by the little training which, as in previous years was observed during November, and, therefore, underestimated the actual occupation strength.

- 25X1A 4. Comment. The barracks installation in Heiterblick is assumed to be occupied by the 8th Gds Mtrcl Bn, the unidentified motor transport battalion and the 67th Tank Tng Bn (US), all of the 5th Gds Mecz Div; and a motor vehicle repair shop of the First Gds Mecz Army, The 67th Tank Tng Bn (US) was repeatedly confirmed in the installation. For information on the total occupation strength, see Comment 3. 25X1
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